HERSETH SANDLIN ANNOUNCES FARM BILL HEARING WITNESS LIST

Sioux Falls, SD-Rep. Herseth Sandlin will host a hearing of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture next week focused on the drafting of the 2012 Farm Bill. This hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 18th, at 8:00 AM CDT in the Edith Mortenson Center Theater at Augustana College in Sioux Falls.

This event is open to the public and members of the media.

Rep. Herseth Sandlin will be joined by members of the Committee, including Chairman Collin Peterson. Chairman Peterson represents Minnesota's 7th Congressional District, which borders South Dakota. The hearing will consist of two panels that feature an array of witnesses representing diverse agriculture interests.

Panel I

- Mr. Gary Duffy, corn, soybean, wheat, alfalfa, hog and beef producer, Oldham, South Dakota
- Mr. Rod Gangwish, irrigated corn, soybean producer, Shelton, Nebraska
- Mr. Doug Sombke, corn, wheat, soybean and beef producer, Conde, South Dakota
- Mr. Steve Masat, wheat, corn, soybean, hay, and livestock producer, Redfield, South Dakota
- Mr. Kevin Scott, soybean, corn and hog producer, Valley Springs, South Dakota
- Mr. Matthew Wolle, corn, soybean, and livestock producer, Madelia, Minnesota
- Mr. Scott VanderWal, corn, soybean, small grain, and beef producer, Volga, South Dakota

Panel II

- Mr. David Hallberg, biofuels representative, Omaha, Nebraska
- Dr. Scott Weishaar, biofuels representative, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- Mr. Jim Nieman, forest product producer, Hulett, Wyoming
- Dr. Kevin Kephart, Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota

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*Media Information: At the hearing, members of the media should check in at the press table for media set-up information and to pick up press packets.

Rep. Herseth Sandlin encourages South Dakotans to provide Farm Bill feedback by visiting the Farm Bill section of her website by clicking here or calling her office toll-free at (866) 371-8747.

In addition, The Committee is accepting feedback from the public about the Farm Bill on its website: http://agriculture.house.gov - all comments received via the web form before June 14 will be included in the Committee's Farm Bill Field Hearing record.

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